Interagency Wildfire Management Team Meeting Notes March 8, 2006

Gene Darling (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) will attend the Santa Fe Zone meeting on March 16. Closures will be discussed and any closures would be coordinated across agencies. A small fire was ignited in the American Springs area and grew to one-quarter acre before it was extinguished. The near term weather forecast is for colder but continued dry conditions.

Manny L'Esperance (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) will install a new dip tank at TA-49. In addition, Manny identified a fire break that requires maintenance. Additional work may also be required near TA-53 and TA-3.

Gary Kemp (Bandelier National Monument) announced that severity funding has been received. Bandelier is also completing their training requirements.

Sandy Hurlocker (Santa Fe National Forest) reported that test flights will be conducted in preparation for a prescribed burn in the Caja del Rio area.

Bill Gentile (NNSA, Los Alamos Area Office) introduced himself to the IWMT.

Walt Futrell (NNSA, Los Alamos Area Office) has been communicating with neighboring agencies to implement interagency protocol for use during a wildfire emergency.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 22, at the EOC (TA-69, Building 33) in the Fire TAC Room (124). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice (balice@lanl.gov, 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.